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Dear Richard:

Thank you for your letter of 8 June 1953. It was very gracious of the authorities at Singapore to express their willingness for FBIS personnel to join the monitoring unit of Radio Malaya in the event of a monitoring emergency.

Frankly I have serious doubts now that much worthwhile could be accomplished, but I think both of our services would feel better in the knowledge that we have done all possible to meet any Southeast Asia emergency from a radio monitoring standpoint. With the groundwork already accomplished, I believe that we could dispatch linguists and receivers on very short notice to meet a Southeast Asian emergency situation.

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I imagine that is there at Caversham with you now, and I hope the results of the meeting will be mutually advantageous. In any event I think the intangible of close personal relationships between operating people will pay dividends.

Sincerely,

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